



Report of the General Governor Steven Greene, PSG

Supreme Governor Gallagher, Director General Airey, members of the Supreme Council and representatives from the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, Past Governors, representatives and Brothers all, today it is truly my honor to have the opportunity to give the report of the General Governor. Please allow me a moment to recognize and introduce the special people that work in our office as well as those who support our office throughout the year.

The Assistant General Governor, Peter Poterek, started in our office last year. Peter has been instrumental in helping with dispensations as well as matters of real estate. During the convention, Peter will be at our convention booth to answer questions. Please join me in saying thank you to Peter for his many efforts to serve you.

While we are here at the convention, the work of our office does not stop. Administrative Assistant Lori Mitchell is taking care of the office at Moose International. Lori is such a valuable asset to our office. Her knowledge of the General Laws has proven to be one of our most valuable assets. Please join me in showing our appreciation to Lori with a round of applause.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the special members that work with and support our office throughout the year. Would our Regional Managers, Assistant Regional Managers and Deputy Regional Managers and our Operation Analysts please stand?. These dedicated fraternalists spend countless hours supporting and enforcing our General Laws in all units of our fraternity. Please join me in thanking them with a round of applause.

In the interest of time, the list of dispensations granted, new Lodges, charter forfeitures, mergers and commissioner assignments will not be read. The itemized list will be contained in the official report which will be included in the convention proceedings.

Dispensations:

Last year, dispensation granted for new construction, building additions, remodeling, property sales and purchases, equipment, loans, etc. totaled \$44,192,236.

Charter Forfeitures:

East year this office reports to you Lodges that have forfeited their charters during the previous year. This year is a little different from those of prior years given the country's economic downturn. This year we had twelve (12) Lodges that forfeited their charters. We must focus our thoughts on strengthening our fraternity by sponsoring new members and instituting new Lodges to continue our course of strengthening our fraternity.

Commissioners:

There were eleven (11) assignments this past year. I would like to express my deep appreciation for this unselfish group of volunteers who serve our fraternity as Commissioners. Would you please stand? This group of dedicated men and women deserve our collective respect and please join me in a round of applause.

Proposed Amendments to the General Laws:

During this convention you will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed new General Laws. The committee of Supreme Council members and members of the staff of Moose International have analyzed the suggested changes over the past year. There were many ideas received from many of you that were carefully considered – I wish to commend each committee member for the effort they gave in this final draft.

Anyone that may have questions concerning the proposed General Laws is invited to attend the session tomorrow from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom A. Myself as well as members of the Judiciary Committee will be there to answer your questions.

Following the mailing to our Lodges, we received many favorable comments to the proposed changes. Along with that we did receive some negative comments on two major changes. Over the past weeks we listened to your opinions and concerns. The Judiciary Committee, along with the Supreme Council, have rescinded proposed Amendments #12 which proposed age 18 for membership and Amendment #60 which proposed a House Committee of both Lodge and Chapter officers.

Over the past two years, all of our Lodges have felt the strain and burden placed upon us by a failing economy. Revenue in our social quarters has been below what we have experienced in the past. The Lodges that have prospered are those who increased their social activities for the entire family.

Lodges that did not plan well and promote new ideas and fun ways to promote family and fellowship have missed out on new opportunities. The future success of our Lodges depends upon how we manage our operations. Following the General Laws as outlined in Section 48.9 is so important. Almost daily we are challenged with problems the House Committee has created for themselves. There seems to be a misunderstanding as to when this rule can be used.

The Laws of the Order are plain and simple if you follow them. Violations under this section are for infractions that occur in the social quarters or at any social event sponsored by the Lodge. The House Committee's authority to suspend the member's social privileges shall in no way affect the member's Lodge or Chapter membership status or the right to attend Lodge or Chapter meetings. The office of the General Governor is always there to serve the members of our Order. During the course of the year, we receive thousands of e-mails, phone calls and letters that relate to problems in every unit of our Order. Most of the problems should have been resolved at the Lodge level or by your Deputy or Regional Managers. When there is a problem or question that cannot be solved or answered, we are there for you. If there is an appeal to a House Committee decision or a question of how formal charges must be brought forward, please contact us.

My Brothers, the members of your Lodge have placed you in a position of authority. The year ahead requires planning and work to ensure a successful year. It is your responsibility to keep harmony and the spirit of fraternalism alive within your Lodge.

During this convention, remember that you represent not only yourself, but the thousands of members that depend upon you. Listen well to the good things you hear this week and report to your Lodge what you have seen and heard.

I encourage you and all your Lodge officers to study the General Laws of the Order so that you may give the right answers and properly handle problems that arise in your Lodge. Be a mentor to new members to ensure your lodge's future with qualified officers that will follow you.

This great Moose fraternity has been a way of life for me for nearly thirty seven (37) years. I have lived within the Defending Circle and have found the true meaning of fraternalism. The lesson of the locked horns and the rituals of the Order hold a special place within me. Destiny has brought us to this point in our

fraternal life. Our love and devotion for our children and seniors and for all the good that we do will lead us forward in the good and onward in the right.

Brother Supreme Governor, this concludes the report of the General Governor.

Dispensations:

	5/1/08 – 9/30/08		10/1/08 –1/31/09		2/1/09 – 4/30/09		Year to Date	
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New Lodge Homes	1	622,000	0	0	0	0	1	622,000
Lodge Additions	3	588,500	2	153,500	0	0	5	742,000
Lodge Remodels	6	160,100	3	201,820	3	91,000	12	452,920
Furniture & Fixture	4	24,291	6	48,324	2	24,494	12	97,109
Bank Loans	33	6,008,320	37	5,386,573	24	4,218,798	94	15,613,691
Purchase of Property	9	2,643,500	7	2,896,500	2	25,970	18	5,565,970
Sale of Property	21	7,898,200	13	7,173,490	8	1,969,403	42	17,041,093
Repairs/Improvements	26	600,878	21	331,356	12	227,067	59	1,159,301
Sale of Lodge Assets	13	45,426	5	273	2	10,100	20	55,799
Miscellaneous	222	475,000	121	60,500	88	311,000	431	846,500
Savings Withdrawals	59	935,864	29	730,429	18	329,560	106	1,995,853
Leases Executed	13	N/A	11	N/A	5	N/A	29	N/A
Totals:	410	\$20,002,079	255	\$16,982,765	157	\$7,207,392	829	\$44,192,236

New MSC Instituted:

South Weld County, CO Lodge No. 2677
 Colbert County, AL Lodge No. 2678
 Walkerton, VA Lodge No. 2679
 Capitol Region, MD Lodge No. 2680
 Finley, WA Lodge No. 2681
 Cherry Hill, NJ Lodge No. 2682
 Grant County, AR Lodge No. 2683

Lodges Downsized to MSCs:

Carlsbad, NM Lodge No. 2095

Moose Service Centers Upgraded to MAC:

Ft. Payne, AL Lodge No. 2674
 Billerica, MA Lodge No. 2648
 Johnson County, WY Lodge No. 2675
 Veneta, OR Lodge No. 2656
 Quincy, FL Lodge No. 2672

Moose Family Centers Approved:

Gulf Gate, FL Lodge No. 608
 Coraopolis, PA Lodge No. 696
 Newport, NH Lodge No. 1236
 Luray, VA Lodge No. 1413

Ottawa, ON Lodge No. 1765
Elizabeth City, NC Lodge No. 1847
Avondale, AZ Lodge No. 2078
Clearlake Oaks, CA Lodge No. 2284
Vero Beach, FL Lodge No. 1822
Gulf Cove, FL Lodge No. 2554

Mergers Approved:

Chesapeake, VA Lodge No. 1940 into So. Norfolk, VA Lodge No. 464
Dorchester, MA Lodge No. 1776 into Braintree, MA Lodge No. 413
Newnan, GA Lodge No. 1588 into Henry County, GA Lodge No. 2170
Chisholm, MN Lodge No. 226 into Hibbing, MN Lodge No. 1510
Hillsboro, OR Lodge No. 247 into St. Helens, OR Lodge No. 591
Chincoteague-Accomack, VA Lodge No. 2169 into Exmore, VA Lodge No. 683
Bayshore, NY Lodge No. 2044 into Riverhead, NY Lodge No. 1742
North Miami, FL Lodge No. 1656 into Hallendale, FL Lodge No. 668
El Paso, IL MSC No. 2567 into Bloomington, IL Lodge No. 745

Lodge Charters Suspended:

Powell River, BC Lodge No. 1667
Joanna, SC Lodge No. 1306
Niles, OH Lodge No. 627
Baltimore-Lexington, MD Lodge No. 2638
Duncan, BC Lodge No. 937
Spokane, WA Lodge No. 161
Navarre, OH Lodge No. 2471
Worcester, MA Lodge No. 2616
Hull, PA Lodge No. 2298
Tri Lakes, CA Lodge No. 2392
Hudson, NY Lodge No. 1184
Barry County, MO Lodge No. 2659
Joplin, MO Lodge No. 905
Morongo Valley, CA Lodge No. 2253
Salina, KS Lodge No. 721
Antietam, MD Lodge No. 2435
Keene, NH Lodge No. 478
Columbia City, IN Lodge No. 1063
Memphis, TN Lodge No. 153
Huntington, NY Lodge No. 318
Kingston, NY Lodge No. 970

Charters Administratively Revoked:

Fullerton, CA Lodge No. 339
Owensboro, KY Lodge No. 756
Arvida, QC Lodge No. 1696
Palm Springs, CA Lodge No. 2008
Hillsboro, OH Lodge No. 2402
Montague, MA Lodge No. 2595
Senecaville, OH Lodge No. 2623
Prineville, OR Lodge No. 2626
Ft. Wayne, IN Lodge No. 2629
Brockton, MA Lodge No. 2630

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Powell River, BC Lodge No. 1667
Morongo Valley, CA Lodge No. 2253
Niagara Falls, NY Lodge No. 2618
Barry County, MO Lodge No. 2659

Voluntary Charter Forfeitures:

Tarentum, PA Lodge No. 71
Joplin, MO Lodge No. 905
Lincoln, IL Lodge No. 1441
Clinton, IN Lodge No. 1501
Cortland, NY Lodge No. 1512
Atikokan, ON Lodge No. 1672
San Lorenzo, CA Lodge No. 1786
Scottsboro, AL Lodge No. 1802
Chapleau, ON Lodge No. 2142
Fairfield, IL Lodge No. 2524
Crawford County, IL Lodge No. 2636
South Boston, MA Lodge No. 2637

Commissioner Assignments:

Harold Gordon assigned to D'Iberville, MS Lodge No. 332
Dickey Foster assigned to Woodstock, VA Lodge No. 575
Carl Frodge assigned to Plainfield, IL Lodge No. 2491
Del Holland assigned to Enid, OK Lodge No. 1740
Bob Isom assigned to Lemon Grove, CA Lodge No. 1713
Charles Thulin re-assigned to Silver Springs, FL Lodge No. 1199
Charles Norris re-assigned to Ocala Forest, FL Lodge No. 2535
Dickey Foster to Millersburg, PA Lodge No. 59
Charles Thulin to Warner Robins, GA Lodge No. 1688
Prudence Joyce to Swansboro, NC Chapter No. 1323
Charles Norris to SW Florida Legion No. 46

Matters Before the Judiciary Committee and/or the Supreme Forum

Weiss vs. Stalzer (Plainfield, IL Lodge No. 2491)
Ritenour vs. Lloyd (Woodstock, VA Lodge No. 575)
Appeal of expulsion by Donna Bailey (Swansboro, NC Chapter No. 1323)